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CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2022

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 290,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 2 percent from the November 1 forecast but down 13 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 89,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 265,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 16 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,429 pounds per acre, up 54 pounds from the November 1 forecast and up 154 pounds from last year. As of November 27, growers had harvested 68 percent of the upland cotton crop, compared with 77 percent last year and a 5-year average of 74 percent. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 15,000 acres, up 6,200 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 25,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 18,000 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 800 pounds per acre, down 182 pounds from last year.

Pecan production in Arizona is forecast at 40.0 million pounds, unchanged from the October forecast but down 2 percent from the 2021 season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 14.2 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast, but down 19 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 868 pounds per harvested acre, up 13 pounds from the previous forecast and up 49 pounds from 2021. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.8 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast but down 20 percent from 2021. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 470,000 bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 42 percent from 2021. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 7.88 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 23 percent from 2021.

Pecan production is forecast at 280 million pounds, down 4 percent from previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2021. Improved varieties are expected to produce 274 million pounds or 98 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 5.92 million pounds, making up the remaining 2 percent of production.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.